

WASHINGTON, D.C. The award-winning Dougherty High Chorale gave two performances in Washington, D.C. this week-one on Thursday (9/25) night at a gospel concert held at the Washington Convention Center and the other on Friday (9/26) afternoon at the U.S. Capitol.

Invited by U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop, the student choir from grades 9-12, founded and directed by Mark Butler, performed in "A Gospel Extravaganza," one of the events held in connection with the annual week long Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) Legislative Conference. The young people also gave an impromptu performance the following day in the rotunda and on the east wing steps of the Capitol building while on a tour arranged by the Congressman. About 50 students and adults were on the trip.

The conference annually draws thousands of visitors from throughout the country to a series of activities, including issue-oriented panel discussions, concerts, aware presentations, and social events.

"As usual, these outstanding young people were a big hit with everyone who heard them," Representative Bishop said. "Dougherty County and all of southwest Georgia can be proud of them."

The Chorale has won many honors, including First Place and Champions Winner at the Richmond Music Festival, First Place and Grand Champion Winner at the Music Showcase national Festival, and First Place and Grad Winner at the New York Performing Arts Music Festival.